**Bi-Weekly FSL Cluster Meeting**

*(Minutes of the Meeting)*

The FSLC Coordination Meeting for the month of **Dec. 2022** held on **7th, Wednesday** from **11:00 to 13:00Hrs** on MS Teams, chaired by **Jean Loic**, CLA Coordinator. **96** Cluster members participated.

1. **Addressing food insecurity through distribution of value added fish products – Redeat (FAO)**
   In line with its vision of “a sustainable and food secure world for all”, FAO SS has initiated a pilot project to address food and nutrition insecurity through distribution of smoked fish and fish powder, that ensures intake of micronutrients, especially through small, indigenous fish species that are the prime source of nutrients. Given the context in South Sudan, more than 70 % of the population needs food aid this underutilized fish resource can contribute to sustain food security through value added fish products. [Full presentation.](#)

2. **Localization agenda: Strengthening local partners’ capacity – Makur J. Achuoth (FAO)**
   With the information/facilitation support from the FSL Cluster, FAO initiated the project on “Strengthening local partners’ capacity”, the pilot phase (June to December 2022), in 4 States, i.e. Abyei Administrative Area (AAA), Eastern Equatoria (Torit), Unity (Bentiu) and Western Bahr El Ghazal (Wau), primarily to understand the capacity gaps, learning needs, strengthening capacities and to scale-up community-based approaches. The initial findings / results of the capacity needs assessment emphasise capacity-building support on crops and vegetable production, participatory approaches for NRM, cooperatives development & management and refresher training for CAHWs. [Full presentation.](#)

3. **HDP Nexus Participatory Review Exercise: National Validation Workshop – Moustapha (gFSC)**
   FSL Cluster coordinated participatory review and learning exercise of selected HDP initiatives (5 consortium programs), facilitated by the Lead Consultant from gFSC with various stakeholders that include, communities, local actors, donors, local leaders, local government, INGO, NGOs, UN. Validation and development of a draft roadmap for action is intended through the national workshop, scheduled on **8th December 2022**. [Full presentation.](#)

4. **FSL Cluster Updates:**
   - The purpose and importance of the sub-national FSL coordination was discussed with the announcement on the upcoming quarterly meeting with Subnational FSL Cluster Focal Points.
   - 2023 HRP timeline, with the key dates to remember – by 12th Dec. OCHA will share the final draft with the ICCG and HCT for review and the comments will be incorporated by 15th December and the HRP launch will be on the 20th December.

5. **AOB**
   - FSL Cluster announced the on-boarding of the new Co-Coordinator, hosted by SAADO, the newly elected NNGO Co-Lead Agency for a tenure of two years (2023-2025) and the cluster members bid farewell to the outgoing NNGO Co-Coordinator, Tiyu Manuela, whose contribution to the cluster and to the NNGO partners are remembered and appreciated by the meeting participants.

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